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SUBJECT: TAIWANESE FISHING VESSEL CONFISCATED BY GPNG

1. A TAIWANESE CAPTAIN WAS FINED AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR 900 AND HIS FISHING VESSEL CONFISCATED BY THE ALOTAU LOCAL COURT OCTOBER 1. CHARGES WERE BROUGHT BY A REGIONAL FISHING INSPECTOR. THE VESSEL, FISHING GEAR AND FISH WERE FORFEITED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

2. THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES (FORESTS AND FISHERIES) MR. JEPHCOTT, STATED THIS WAS FIRST TIME A FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL HAD BEEN PROSECUTED UNDER PNG FISHERIES ACT 1974. HE SAID THE PNG WOULD VIEW ILLEGAL FISHING, ESPECIALLY REEF FISHING, VERY SERIOUSLY SINCE THE LATTER WAS IMPORTANT TO THE SUBSISTENCE DIET OF MANY COASTAL PAPUA NEW GUINEANS. A MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT CURRENT 40,000 TON CATCH IN PNG WATERS MIGHT BE UP TO THREE TIMES THIS OFFICIAL FIGURE. THE GPNG INTENDS TO CRACK DOWN HARD ON THIS ABUSE. BOTH TAIWANESE AND JAPANESE FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN SERIOUS OFFENDERS IN THE PAST AND THIS CASE WILL SERVE NOTICE OF CHANGING ATTITUDES AND LAWS.

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